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A silhouette of a man and a child walking away from the viewer towards a bright sunset. The man is on the left, holding the hand of the child on the right. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, with clouds catching the low light.

Blessings of a Father

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There are words that are synonymous to the concept of blessing. When we hear blessing, it could mean approval, it could mean encouragement, it could mean benediction which is a combination of two Latin words 'bene' which means good and 'diction' which means words meaning 'good words'.

It could also mean 'eulogy' words you say over something or somebody that you perceive as blessings. It also could mean praise – when you pour out encomiums, you could say “I'm blessing that thing / person”. When something is blessed by you who blesses, you are called honour to that object or person and if you feel blessed, there is some kind of air around you – an air of honour, an air that carries you up. When you hear the word blessing, it could also mean consecration – consecration involves picking a thing and speaking words of wellness over it. Blessing can also mean favour – meaning things are in conformity with you. It could mean good fortune, it could as well mean power.

Today, we will be speaking about the blessings of a father. Blessing is natural, native to man. According to the scriptures (our own history of how the world began). The scripture tells us in Genesis 1:27, the scripture says 'And God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them'. The in Genesis chapter 2 verse 7, it says that the Lord formed man from the sly of the earth and breathed into his face, the breath of life and man became a living soul.

In Genesis Chapter 2 verse 21; describing how the woman came to being, God cast a deep need upon man and when Adam was fast asleep, he took one of his ribs and built up flesh for it. And the Lord God built the rib which he took from Adam into a woman and brought it back to Adam. This was how the scripture described the coming together of the human person. But you will notice that as soon as man was created, Genesis 2 verse 28 says 'And God blessed them'.

Blessing was complimentary to the creation of man - meaning blessing is like the last line of the beginning of man. Blessing is the root over man's end, blessing is the switching on of man's life; it is the commissioning of man's nature meaning blessing is part and parcel of the human nature. That word 'curse' or that reality of curse is an accident which should not be there. On other words, when you hear the word 'man' or as you see me, my life should be rooted in blessing and sufficient blessing for that matter.

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If you ask me in summary, 'what therefore is the meaning of the word blessing?' I'll say a blessing is a kindly gesture (verbal or non-verbal) – I can bless without saying a word.

Note again I said 'kindly', that word is becoming alien to us because wickedness is corrupting the human understanding of what careless is'. Today, kindness is more like a relative concept. If you ask someone to write about kindness, before you get to the middle page, the person will want to write about wickedness'.

But here, I am talking about kindness in its originality which comes from the bottom of the heart. I am saying 'Blessing' means a kindly gesture or a spoken words that emanates from a goodly heart and it is intended on the object of blessing to whom it is directed or addressed. (By object I'm referring to both the human person or something).

So you can bring a rosary to me and I place my hands on it. When I place my hands on it, I could carry out a gesture on it and my hands directed at it and something in my heart concerning that object which is good is released.

You will discover by the end of this sermon that there is so much inside of you which you have not given to your children or rather you will discover that there is something inside of you that is not sufficient and because it is not sufficient, you don't have much to pass on unto others.

Genesis 1: 28

'And the Lord blessed them saying: 'God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it. Rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, and every creature that crawls on the earth."

There are five things to be drawn from the analysis of divine blessings. Five things that should accompany every human person – every male and female. You will notice five things in the language that God used prosperity

God says 'Multiply'

1. Blessings lead to multiplication

God says 'increase'

2. Blessing leads to increase meaning there is an inherent capacity or capability to go beyond what is real.

God says populate

3. Blessing radiates, moves, imparts and spread.

God says 'take dominion'

4. Blessing promotes and increases the quality, the relevance, position and rank of that which is blessed..

God says 'prosper'

5. Blessing leads to prosperity

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